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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 12-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 12, 22 and 25 have been amended. Reconsideration of all pending claims 12-16 is requested.

The Office Action dated August 17, 2007 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 12, 16, 22 and 25 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 12-26 are pending and under consideration, of which claims 12, 22 and 25 are independent claims.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Claims 16 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for lack of antecedent basis. Parent claim 12, upon which claims 16 and 20 depend, has been amended to include a "Cell ID" therefore the concern regarding lack of antecedent basis for dependent claims 16 and 20 is moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Rankin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,879,838) in view of Hasebe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,946,991). The Office Action took the position that all of the claim recitations recited in claims 12-16 are either taught or suggested by Rankin except for the event of prayer times. This rejection is respectfully traversed. As discussed below, the present invention is directed to subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited prior art.

Rankin discloses a location based service for a mobile user. Information related to a particular geographic area (e.g., restaurants, shopping etc.) located proximate to a mobile user are sent to the mobile user without a prior request from the user of the mobile device. The user's position is determined via a location determining technique such as a global position system (GPS) or triangulation estimation technique, such as, time difference of arrival (TDOA). Once the estimated position of the mobile device is determined, location based resources which are stored in a location resource server 103 may be provided to the mobile device 100.

Resources provided to the mobile device may include, for example, a map of the geographical area proximate to the mobile device and other information related to services located within the vicinity of the estimated position of the mobile device (e.g., ATM machines, restaurants etc.) and other useful information may be sent to the mobile device 100 based on pre-defined user preferences. User preferences may be used to dictate the exact information requested, and the time at which the information is provided to the user. The estimated position of the mobile device 100 is calculated based on an estimate of a position determination technique. The information provided to the user is based on services proximate to the estimated position of the mobile device 100. The relative degree of precision needed to provide the mobile device 100 with service information is not specified by the disclosure of Rankin.

The subject matter recited in the claims is not disclosed by Rankin, for example, Rankin does not teach or suggest:

“comparing the estimated location of the mobile device to a translation table stored at one or more memory locations including the mobile station and/or a remote server capable of

forwarding information to the mobile station, said translation table used to determine at least one prayer time based on a function of at least the **estimated location** of the mobile device, **the time of year** as measured from pre-stored annual calendar position information corresponding to the estimated location, **and the time of day** as measured at the **estimated location**, and where the **estimated location** of the mobile device used to determine the at least one prayer time is based on the coverage area of the at least one base station and a current cell identification (Cell ID) parameter assigned to the mobile device", as recited, in part, in claim 12, and similarly in claims 22 and 26.

The information provided to mobile device 100, as disclosed in Rankin, is entirely based on an estimated location determined by GPS or a triangulation estimation technique. (Emphasis added) Once the estimated location of the mobile device 100 is known, the information provided to the mobile device 100 is limited by user profile information that is based on the user's personal preferences and which are pre-stored in memory.

The information provided to the mobile device 100 is commercial based and has no specified level of accuracy or precision with respect to the location of the mobile user. In other words, any restaurant or ATM machine located nearby a user's estimated position would be a potential candidate for information which is provided to the user. Further, the information provided to the mobile device 100 does not depend on a translation table that includes, a location of the mobile user based on a function of at least the estimated location of the mobile device, and the time of year as measured from pre-stored annual calendar position information corresponding to the estimated location, and the time of day as measured at the estimated location. (Emphasis added) The information provided to user in Rankin does not specify any of the above parameters as prerequisites for providing the user with information. Furthermore, the information provided to the

mobile user does not depend on the coverage area of the at least one base station and a current cell identification (Cell ID) parameter assigned to the mobile device", as recited, in part, in claim 12 and similarly in claims 22 and 25. In Rankin, the coverage area of the base station and Cell ID information related to the user of the mobile device are not relevant to the position determining technique used to estimate the position of the user.

Hasebe does not cure the deficiencies of Rankin with respect to claims 12, 22 and 25. Hasebe is directed solely to a direction finding method that helps users locate the direction of Mecca so that they may satisfy face the correct direction while performing their Muslim prayers. Hasebe uses GPS to determine the location of Mecca and to send that information to a user of a mobile terminal. Praying in the direction of Mecca is a separate requirement of Muslim prayers, and one that is not of concern to the subject matter recited in the claims of the present application.

Hasebe further discloses calculating the direction of Mecca and the prayer times at predefined intervals throughout the day, but does not provide any details as to how the correct prayer times are translated to a mobile user. Further, Hasebe does not depend on any aspect of a telecommunications network to provide details of the user's location to receive correct prayer times. (Emphasis added) Furthermore, Hasebe does not use any specified degree of precision to estimate the location of a mobile user and to provide prayer times based on that estimated location.

Contrary to the teachings of Hasebe and Rankin, claim 1 of the present application recites, in part, "...determine at least one prayer time based on a function of at least the **estimated location** of the mobile device...where **the estimated location** of the mobile device used to determine the at least one prayer time is based on the coverage area of

the at least one base station and a current cell identification (Cell ID) parameter assigned to the mobile device”, as recited, in part, in claim 12, and similarly in claims 22 and 25.

Therefore, Rankin and Hasebe, taken individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest all of the subject matter recited in independent claims 12, 22 and 25. By virtue of dependency claims 13-21 and 23-25 are also allowable over Rankin and Hasebe. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

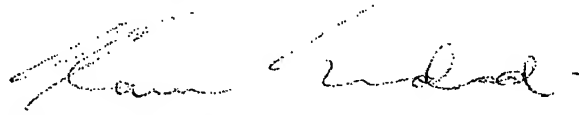
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claim recites subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited art. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 12-26 be withdrawn, and this application passed to issue, with all of claims 12-26.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicant's undersigned representative at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

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In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, at the telephone number listed below.

With best regards,



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